



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
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MINUTES**

**DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2022
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:32pm

SALUTE TO FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SUNSHINE LAW

Introduction as required under the Sunshine Law: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the adoption of a Resolution by the Mayor and Council on the fourth day of January 2022 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 4, 2022 were set forth. Notice of same was delivered to the Asbury Park Press the Coast Star and TAPinto and a copy of the notice was posted on the borough website at www.lakecomonj.org and on the bulletin board in Borough Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

ROLL CALL

Douglas Witte	Present
Hawley Scull	Present
Christopher D'Antuono	Present
Nick DeMauro	Absent
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present

Borough Attorney Peg Schaffer and Police Chief Tina Scott are excused from this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, all are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

None on the agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that the lakefront looks amazing, and she has gotten nothing but praise on the work that was done at the lake. She thanked Councilwoman Scull for the work she did with the tree lighting, it was a great event. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Ventrice echoed what Councilwoman Albala-Doyle said about the tree lighting. Councilman Ventrice reported that on December 2nd, Candide's Garden presented awards to residents with eco-friendly yards. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono thanked everyone who made the tree lighting a great success. Today was the last brush pick up until April however, Christmas trees will be picked up in the weeks after Christmas. Councilman D'Antuono reported that the last leaf pick up will be on December 23rd and that will also resume in April. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull thanked everyone that made the tree lighting a great event. The decorating contest will take place on December 15th and there are prizes for the best houses and businesses. Councilwoman Scull reported that there are still tags on the tree for Lake Como children in need this holiday season and those gifts are due back to Borough Hall on 12/15. On December 14th, Santa will be delivering gifts to children in Lake Como. Councilwoman Scull reported that anyone wanting a delivery from Santa can drop off a wrapped and label gift to Borough Hall. Lastly, Councilwoman Scull reported that the Lake Como Beautification Committee will be hosting a BYOB Bingo on January 20th and the proceeds go to beautifying the town. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that the tree lighting is getting better and better each year. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins commended Councilwoman Scull on the work she did for the tree lighting along with the Tourism Commission. It has been a wonderful year and Mayor Higgins is looking forward to everything 2023 will bring. Mayor Higgins reported that recently the state changed the contributions for health benefits and the town will be working to offset these costs. All other matters are in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS & CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Witte made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

No Public Comments

Councilman Witte made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Events Application

Belmar Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade Chairman and Grand Marshal Chip Cavanagh came before the Council asking for approval on this application. Mr. Cavanagh stated that the application is the same as in years prior and he will be notifying Wall Township with details of the event.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Ordinance 2022-981

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Business Insurance Registry

Offered by Councilman Witte and seconded by Councilwoman Scull.

No Public Comments on this Ordinance

Roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2022-163

Payment of Bills

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2022-164

Payment of NJNG Bill

Offered by Councilwoman Scull, seconded by Councilman Witte, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilman Witte made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

Susan Luterzo of Fernwood Road came before the Council to thank everyone for the tree lighting on Saturday night and to state how much she is enjoying the improvements to the lakefront.

Councilman Witte made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Amy L. Boney
Acting Borough Clerk

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